



2017 Summer Opportunity for Texas Educators

Test Development Teacher Institutes

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is conducting two Teacher Institutes this summer to develop online interim and formative assessment items that align to the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) grades 3–8 mathematics and reading assessments.

TEA is encouraging highly qualified Texas educators to apply to participate in the institutes. Participants will gain a strong understanding of how the STAAR® program aligns with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

Teachers will be trained in item writing, including universal design, accessibility, data analysis, and accommodations, so that they can develop test items for the interim and formative assessments. They will also receive training on interim, formative, and summative assessment models.



Teacher Institutes Dates

There will be two sessions of the Teacher Institutes. Each session will be five days.

- Monday, July 17 – Friday, July 21, 2017
- Monday, July 31 – Friday, August 4, 2017

Selected applicants will also be required to complete a half-day webinar training in June (specific dates TBD).

Participation Requirements

For our first sessions of the Teacher Institutes this summer, TEA is looking primarily for Texas classroom teachers with current experience:

- teaching mathematics and reading in grades 3–8;
- working with English learners and students receiving special education services; and
- above and beyond what is required in the classroom (e.g., curriculum alignment, data analysis, etc.).

“Teachers will receive a competitive compensation for their work and have their travel, lodging, and meal expenses covered.”

How to Apply

Please visit the State-Developed Interim and Formative Assessments web page at the link below to access the application for the 2017 Test Development Teacher Institutes. The application is open through Friday, May 19, 2017.

www.tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/IFA/

If you are selected to participate this year, you will be notified by email the first week of June with further details.

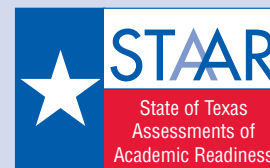
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Thank you for your interest



Interim & Formative Assessments

Interim Assessments

The purpose of the interim assessments is to provide an additional, high-quality tool for Improvement Required (IR) schools to gauge student progress toward meeting achievement standards in grades 3–8 mathematics and reading.

The assessments will be:

- short;
- computer-adaptive;
- predictive; and
- used throughout the school year to monitor student progress.

These assessments will be available to all Texas public and charter schools to use at their discretion beginning in the spring of 2018.

Formative Assessments

TEA will provide districts with a bank of formative assessment questions for grades 3–8 mathematics and reading beginning in the spring of 2018.

The bank of questions will:

- be aligned to STAAR;
- prepare students for summative assessments;
- be a web-based tool; and
- allow educators to select questions to create assessments, quizzes, or homework.

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